

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 25 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 8, 15, 19, and 25 have been amended herein. No new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 through 5, 7, 8, 10 through 17 and 19 through 25 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Arai (3,036,864). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes that independent Claims 1, 8, 15, 19, and 25 have been amended to more particularly claim embodiments of the present disclosure. The claims have been amended to recite the limitation of the support brackets being *external* of the auxiliary members. This feature distinguishes the present disclosure from the Arai reference, wherein a pair of spring elements are received *within the interior* of the arm rest as the Examiner notes in the response of 9/27/2005 to Applicant's prior arguments. It is further noted that the claims have also been amended to recite first and second *external* surfaces of the auxiliary devices to more clearly indicate that the support brackets are configured to provide support for the exterior of the auxiliary devices, as opposed to an interior retaining socket as disclosed in the Arai reference.

Applicant respectfully maintains that the amendments to the Claims comply with 37 CFR §1.116, and do not raise issues of new matter that were not already present in the disclosure as originally filed, nor do they present new issues requiring further

searching. (MREP 714.13) Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Arai (3,036,864). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is believed that independent Claim 1, from which Claim 9 depends, has been amended herein to overcome any anticipation and obviousness from the prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of Claim 9 are respectfully sought.

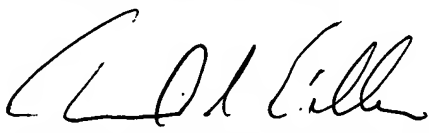
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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